

**Special Open Door Forum:
Minimum Data Set, Version 3.0 (MDS 3.0)
Thursday, January 24, 2008
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST
CMS Auditorium**

This Minimum Data Set, Version 3.0 (MDS 3.0) Special Open Door Forum (ODF) is scheduled to report on the findings of a 5-year CMS Nursing Home MDS 3.0 Validation Study. CMS will post the MDS 3.0 timeline for implementation on the "MDS 3.0 for Nursing Homes" page of its Nursing Home Quality Initiative website on December 31, 2007 at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/25_NHQIMDS30.asp#TopOfPage.

The updated Draft version of the MDS 3.0 form and written introduction is delayed and will be posted before the ODF. The MDS has not had extensive clinical updating since 1995. The changes in MDS 3.0 have been designed to improve data assessment, care planning, and quality measurement. Changes were based on extensive written and oral provider feedback, a Town Hall meeting, CMS/Veterans Administration Research Collaborative, technical expert review and data collection in 8-States. CMS now plans to evaluate the impact of the MDS 3.0 changes on the resident classification system, Resource Utilization Group (RUG-III), used in the Medicare payment structure. This analysis will be conducted as part of the Staff Time and Resource Intensity Verification (STRIVE) study and the results will be available in late 2008/early 2009. Then, the MDS 3.0 changes can be finalized and implemented nationally on October 1, 2009.

We look forward to your participation.

To participate (onsite or by telephone) in this Special ODF, please register on the CMS website at <http://registration.intercall.com/go/cms2>. Upon registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing further participation information. The deadline for registration is **2:00 PM EST, January 22, 2008**. Capacity is limited so register early. Registering via the web will ensure we can accommodate as many participants as possible.

An audio recording of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special ODF website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning January 30, 2008 and available for 30 days.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/>

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.